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SENATE BILL 640

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING A NEW MEXICO RAIL
PASSENGER STUDY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. RAIL PASSENGER STUDY. --

A. The alliance for transportation research
institute at the university of New Mexico shall conduct a
feasibility study regarding the potential for passenger rail
service linking the El Paso-Juarez metropolitan area with New
Mexico towns and cities along the Rio Grande corridor and
continuing on to Denver, Colorado. The study shall:

- (1) identify the alignment, condition and
ownership of tracks;
- (2) define an integrated network for intercity
rail travel; and

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(3) provide alternatives for intermodal connections between the affected airports and passenger rail services.

B. The study shall investigate the potential for New Mexico passenger rail service links to the national intermodal transportation initiative, "Reconnecting America".

C. The study shall be conducted in collaboration with the state highway and transportation department.

D. The alliance for transportation research institute shall report to the governor and the legislature on study recommendations for potential intermodal links to regional and national transportation strategies and interstate rail travel.

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to carry out the purposes of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.